

Commonwealth of Virginia and James H. "Jim" Webb, Jr., was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Virginia as a Senator to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

In Testimony Whereof our Governor has hereunto signed his name and affixed the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth at Richmond, this 8th day of December, 2006, and in the two hundred thirty-first year of the Commonwealth.

By the Governor:

TIMOTHY M. KAINE,
Governor.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Sheldon Whitehouse duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning at noon on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Donald L. Carcieri and our seal affixed on this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2006.

DONALD L. CARCIERI,
Governor.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senators to be sworn will now present themselves at the desk in groups of four as their names are called in alphabetical order, the Chair will administer their oaths of office.

The clerk will read the names of the first group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BYRD.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. REID, Mr. DOMENICI, former Senator Glenn, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. CASEY.

These Senators, escorted by Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. SPECTER, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. ENSIGN.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. Frist, and Mr. REID, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. KENNEDY.

These Senators, escorted by Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. KERRY, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. Dayton, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. DODD, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. MENENDEZ.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BOND, Mrs. Carnahan, and Mr. LAUTENBERG, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. SNOWE.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BYRD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LEAHY, and Ms. COLLINS, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. WEBB.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. Melcher, Mr. ENZI, Mr. Robb, and Mr. WARNER, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the names of the last group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the name of Mr. WHITEHOUSE.

This Senator, escorted by Mr. REED, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the Vice President, and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

CALL OF THE ROLL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The absence of a quorum having been suggested, the clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

[Quorum No. 1 Leg.]

PRESENT—89

Akaka	Dodd	McCaskill
Alexander	Domenici	McConnell
Allard	Dorgan	Menendez
Baucus	Durbin	Mikulski
Bayh	Ensign	Murray
Bennett	Enzi	Nelson, Florida
Biden	Feingold	Nelson, Nebraska
Bingaman	Feinstein	Obama
Bond	Grassley	Pryor
Boxer	Hagel	Reed
Brown	Harkin	Reid
Bunning	Hatch	Rockefeller
Burr	Hutchison	Salazar
Byrd	Inhofe	Sanders
Cantwell	Isakson	Schumer
Cardin	Kennedy	Shelby
Carper	Kerry	Snowe
Casey	Klobuchar	Specter
Chambliss	Kohl	Stabenow
Clinton	Kyl	Stevens
Coburn	Landrieu	Sununu
Cochran	Lautenberg	Tester
Coleman	Leahy	Thomas
Collins	Levin	Thune
Conrad	Lieberman	Vitter
Corker	Lincoln	Voinovich
Cornyn	Lott	Warner
Craig	Lugar	Webb
Crapo	Martinez	Whitehouse
DeMint	McCain	